

Note to Residents (to be sent via e-mail):

Earlier data reviewed by EPA in November 2011 indicated that private well water posed no immediate health risks. We also said that we would continue to review the latest data and keep you informed. EPA has recently received and reviewed hundreds of pages of the latest Cabot data supplied by the residents. While EPA is not in a position to make any conclusions about the data we have in hand because there are gaps, we believe that additional information is needed to better understand the situation in Dimock and respond appropriately. Therefore, EPA is considering next steps including conducting some sampling of well water in the area.

EPA staff plan to be in Dimock beginning today to survey residents to begin filling these information gaps about their drinking water supply and will share next steps when we have more complete information. We will keep you informed of our next steps as soon as possible.

Desk Statement:

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Natural gas plays a key role in our nation's clean energy future and the Obama Administration is committed to ensuring that the development of this vital resource occurs safely and responsibly. At the direction of Congress, and separate from these activities in Dimock, EPA has begun a national study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources.